

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1634 without my signature. This bill, while well-intentioned, will only serve to increase the overall cost of health care. The costs associated with new mandates means that those costs are passed through to the purchaser and consumer. They are a significant driver of cost. Every day, a growing number of employers and individuals are struggling to pay for their health care. We cannot afford to increase these costs without enacting other measures that improve efforts aimed at prevention, address affordability of care and share responsibility between individuals, providers, employers and government.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger